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Safety Precautions Pay Off At Union Carbide

A pall of black smoke swept across Altona when fire enveloped a 50 foot furnace at Union Carbide's plant in Maidstone Street, Altona West, about 10 a.m. last Monday.

The plant makes polyethylene, which is mostly used for the manufacture of plastic bags.

Apparently the fire started in a break in a pipe at the base of the oil-fired furnace.

Workmen near the blazing furnace played water on the flames and a fine spray was played on a nearby oil storage tank. A strong wind was blowing flames towards it.

The fire brigade and the private units then doused the furnace and surrounding area with foam.

Mr. P. C. Perry, works manager at the Maidstone Street polyethylene plant, has made additional comments to the "Star" following statements given to reporters from the metropolitan Press and radio.

Safety considerations played a very important part in the design of the plant which was based on many years of experience in affiliated plants overseas.

As flammable gases and liquids are handled in the plant, each section where a fire could occur is well separated from the next area. This precaution has been taken in spite of higher construction and operating costs as safety first has a very real meaning in this plant.

This precaution certainly paid off in Monday's fire. The seat of the fire was an oil-fired furnace, through which flammable liquid was circulated in tubes. Although the investigations as to the cause of the fire are not fully completed, it seems certain that one of the tubes developed a

leak allowing the flammable liquid to spray into the furnace and literally "add fuel to the fire." The plant alarm was given and in a few minutes the whole fire protection system which is carefully and regularly rehearsed, sprang into action.

The plant's own fire crew, ably supported by B.F. Goodrich's mutual aid, and teams from the other companies in the area, ran out fire hoses. The first job was to prevent the furnace from overheating and thousands of gallons of water were sprayed on. A special diesel operated pump supplied the necessary water at high pressure. This pump has been specially installed for fire fighting purposes. At the same time a sprinkler system kept storage tanks, which were well away, doused with a curtain of water as an additional safeguard.

Fire carts from Altona and Metropolitan fire brigades arrived on the scene quickly and made short shift of the fire which was well contained by them.

This incident proved that the precautions and vigilance have been well worthwhile and that the company is indeed operating a safe plant.

Whilst there has been a certain amount of damage, it is expected that the company will be in operation again in the near future.

'WARE THE NORTH WIND BEACH DAY

A gusty north wind on Sunday, a little before noon, brought a near tragedy at Fleming's Pool at Seaholme when four children on two floats were washed out to sea. Two small girls were on one float and two small boys on another.

The alarm was raised by Mr. Harry Weaver, who was yarning on the beach with Robert Waters. Mr. Sid Hyde, who lives opposite Fleming's Pool, was first on the scene and swam into deep water and towed the girls and their raft to safety whilst Robert Waters raced to his home a few blocks away and returned with a surf board and then paddled out to the boys.

He estimates they were in 15 feet of water and the paddle to the boys was assisted by the north wind and a slight swell, but it took quite a while to turn the boys' raft around. The small boys hung onto Robert's foot and he then paddled back towards the shore.

Meantime, Mr. Weaver had instructed a taxi to report to the life savers and three life savers arrived on the scene and swam out towards the children. Mr. Vanvleit and friends were driving past with a boat on the roof of their truck. They very quickly launched the boat and he and his friends, together with the life savers, arrived to assist in the rescue when the boys were half way back to shore.

Mr. Hyde and Robert Waters were quite exhausted after their efforts and quickly returned to their homes to recuperate.

It is emphasised by the president of the Altona Life Saving Club that the incident occurred at Seaholme and not in the area patrolled by the life savers near the clubhouse.

PROBATIONARY OFFICERS FORM ASSOCIATION

An inaugural meeting to form a section of the Probationary Officers Association in the western suburbs was held in Sunshine on December 15.

There were representatives from Laverton, Werribee, Williamstown, Sunshine and one from Altona.

It was felt that lack of publicity had prevented a fuller representation from Altona and all those interested are urged to contact W. Moore of Anderson Road, Sunshine.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The "Altona Star" extends seasonal greetings to all.

On behalf of the Altona community we offer appreciation and thanks to the many who are striving to make Altona a better place.

We express thanks to our customers and advertisers and to our correspondents.

We wish our readers all they wish for themselves.

A most happy Christmas and real happiness in the coming year and in the years to come.

Farewell Dinner for Mr. Blackie

Seaholme Primary School Committee honoured its retiring head master, Mr. A. F. Blackie, and Mrs. Blackie, at a dinner held in the Empire Room, Hotel Federal, on November 25.

Guests included members of the school committee, mothers' club and teachers.

The chairman of the school committee, Cr. W. L. J. Crofts, in proposing the toast to Mr. and

Mrs. Blackie, paid tribute to the outstanding service to education at Seaholme by Mr. Blackie. Seaholme under his eight years of guidance, had achieved an enviable standard in scholastic merit, sport and music.

Cr. Crofts congratulated Mr. Blackie on his appointment as head teacher to St. Albans Primary School.

A painting entitled "River Departure" by artist and school teacher Mr. David Finn, was presented to Mr. Blackie at the school speech night by the District Inspector, Mr. Messing, on behalf of the school.

POVERTY IN SHIRE

Cr. G. den Dulk has made strong statements of distressful conditions in Altona.

He said people in Altona would be astounded to learn of the conditions in which some residents were compelled to live.

He spoke of the urgent need for more Darby and Joan flats—the people concerned were mainly elderly folk.

In his remarks he instanced the following—

People were living in bungalows with earthen floors.

Many people went for weeks without a hot meal.

Many had a hot meal once a week—the day they received their pension.

He had known pensioners buying 1lb. of potatoes and a carrot to eke out one hot meal a week.

The council's home help supervisor had come into contact with many cases of squalid living and undernourishment.

He appealed to all who knew any living in sub-standard conditions to give what assistance they could, especially at Christmas, but whenever possible.

No Matric. at Altona in 1967

All students from Altona High School wishing to carry on their studies at matriculation level next year have been placed in schools of their own choice revealed the head master, Mr. A. Sier, on presentation day at the school.

He told parents it was regrettable that because of an insufficient number of pupils, a mathematics-science course cannot be offered in 1967 and consequently the transfer of these pupils has meant that humanities subjects will also be excluded.

At ALTONA NORTH HIGH SCHOOL 73 students presented for the leaving certificate this year, but in his annual report the head master, Mr. R. McGill, said it has been found uneconomical to teach mathematics and science at matriculation level in 1967.

Mr. McGill said it appears that the establishment of senior high schools in the near future will mean some changes in education facilities in this area, but the extent of these is not yet fully apparent.

TWO N.F.C. PLAY CENTRES IN ALTONA

Two National Fitness Council Play Centres open to all children in the shire will operate in Altona during January from the ninth to the twenty-seventh.

One will be based on Grant Reserve, the other on Langshaws Reserve, Altona North. Mr. Bill Hodgson will again be in charge of the Grant Reserve centre.

Activities, organised for boys and girls in age groups between five and 14 years, will include team sports, gymnastics, swimming, art work, painting, puppets, folk dancing, singing, library story-telling and excursion trips.

The Grant Reserve group will visit the zoo, Newport Fire Station, the Railways Museum, swimming pools, hike up the Werribee Gorge, attend a pantomime and a field day at Royal Park.

Cost of the excursions to each child will be no more than \$2.

The organisers would appreciate this amount being paid at the beginning of the three weeks. Any excess will be refunded.

Next Issue Of The "Star"

Publication of the "Altona Star" will be resumed on January 19, 1967.

The office will re-open on Monday, January 16, but copy for the first issue of the paper may be left at the factory from Monday, January 9.

VOTE NOT TO BE RECORDED

By the Altona Shire President's ruling, Cr. W. L. J. Crofts' vote against the new rate was not recorded.

On the motion for the adoption of the minutes of the special meeting Cr. H. W. Lee submitted that there was no provision in the Local Government Act or council by-laws for the vote to be recorded. He requested a ruling from the president, who ruled the record of the vote was out of order.

Cr. G. den Dulk stated he wished to withdraw his motion adopting the minutes, but as Cr. K. Jurga (seconded) refused to agree, he moved the out of order section of the minutes be deleted.

Cr. Crofts maintained that as he had voted against the motion and asked for the vote to be recorded the minutes as read should be adopted.

The shire secretary, Mr. J. W. Waters, said the reference to the vote was actually contained in a comment on the minutes—not



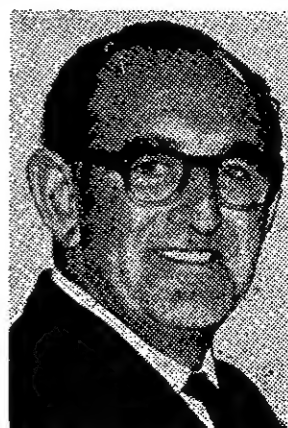
● Cr. LES CROFTS.

in the actual minutes.

Cr. Crofts persisted: "My vote against the motion was not a protest. Can I have it recorded?"

Shire president: "No."

Cr. Crofts acquiesced in the ruling and the offending section was deleted.



—Cr. S. G. McINTOSH

It is with pleasure that Mrs. McIntosh and I extend greetings to readers of the "Star" and Altona Shire residents in particular.

I trust that the festive season will bring happiness to all and that the New Year will bring prosperity and success in every way to all. I also thank the resi-

dents of Altona Shire for the remarkable way in which they have co-operated in all council measures during the past year.

I also note with extreme satisfaction, the formation recently of the Altona Arts Council to which will in due course, be affiliated the Altona Music Society, the Camera Club, Historical Society, Film Society, the Drama Group and the Municipal Band. And it is undoubtedly with the greatest sense of satisfaction that the formation of the Altona Municipal Band is acknowledged.

The band, which has been playing in another municipal area, has been capable of winning plaudits in the past and we have no doubt that to Altona it will bring equal if not better results.

In closing may I stress safety in every way in the coming season and the year to come. Safety in the home, on the roads, at work and at leisure.

A Merry Christmas and a very happy and safe holiday season to you all.

EDITORIAL

God With Us

Whatever reservations we do have as to the design of this year's Christmas stamp, the imposed wording is most fitting at the present time, "Emmanuel—God With Us."

When Isaiah of old had his wonderful vision he saw the Lord "High and Lifted up," and ever since devout men of all acts have seen HIM progressively lifted up, from the tribal God, to the earth God, to the God of the universe and now to the God of the galaxies, of the infinity of space and the atom.

Such a God is beyond our understanding. He is unknowable, except to the extent that He makes Himself known.

The first Christmas 1966 years ago was the precursor to the brief time of God with us. Then man was shown all those attributes of God he can know on this earth. He saw simplicity and purity of the Babe. He saw the love and compassion of the Man. He saw what man could become when he realised the purpose of his Maker, "Let us make man in our own image."

"God with us"—The time when the infinite came to be with us, when man was given a personal understanding of God, was long ago.

But in these modern times, when God is ever more being lifted up, those human and divine virtues He so glorified on earth remain within the reach of all.

Love looked down and seeing hate said I will come down.

Light looked down and seeing darkness said I will come down.

God looked down and seeing unholiness said I will come down into this world.

LIFE SAVERS AT CARRUM

A very moderate team represented the Altona Life Saving Club at the Royal Life Saving Carnival at Carrum last Sunday. Many juniors failed to turn up and several seniors stayed behind to patrol the Altona beach.

Several of the girls swimming events were cancelled owing to the very heavy seas.

The senior men's real and line team finished third, Aileen Hudson won the girls' under 16 swimwade. Sandra Butters was third in the ladies open swimwade and Colin Mead, who is only 13, turned in a good performance to finish third in the boys' under 18 swimwade.

In the girls' single man rescue Altona were third. This is a new event using the rescue cylinder. As mentioned in the previous report, B.P. Australia donated one of these cylinders to every beach club.

The men's team reached the final of the beach relay event and fourth place was gained in the musical flags.

Competition this season in A Grade will be much stronger but this should be a challenge to all members to put in that little extra effort which brings success.

The next carnival will be the M.S.B.A. Junior Carnival on January 7, followed by the R.L.S.S. Carnival on January 15 at Rosebud.

RESCUE AT SEAHOLME

A report on the rescue at Seaholme appears elsewhere in these columns. Thanks are due to all those people mentioned who gave assistance, including life savers C. Cotter, R. Bailey and R. McDonald. C. Cotter sustained a cut foot clambering over the rocks. The rescue cylinder was used to bring one of the boys ashore.

Despite the warnings regarding the danger of using rubber floats, etc., it is apparent there will be similar incidents every time a north wind is blowing on beach days. Our expanse of beach is far too extensive for the life savers to patrol without the use of a boat. Unfortunately, funds are not available at the

ALTONA SPASTIC AID THANKS

Altona Spastic Aid Committee send greetings and sincere thanks to one and all who continually support the work being done for our local spastic children and adults.

Mrs. Andrews attended the last meeting for the year, held in the Homestead. Mrs. Testa, on behalf of the committee, handed her a further cheque for \$800, this making \$1500 donated this year. The previous \$700 was handed over at Chis-Lon's annual meeting in April. Also \$398 from the sale of forget-me-nots and raffles brought the final total to \$1898.

This money is being used very wisely and will add security for the future of these folk. They do not want charity or sympathy but a chance to live in the community as normal people.

You who support this work can guarantee a bright and happy future for them. Thank you once again for your thoughtfulness for others. No donation is too small as can be proved when our last stall was held and a boy of five or six years of age came and handed to one of the committee, namely Mrs. Winder, 5c to help the children who were unable to do anything for themselves.

The support given by the school children through their social service leagues and those who sold forget-me-nots must bring happiness to those responsible in training them to think of others less fortunate than themselves.

May you one and all enjoy the best Christmas you have ever had by knowing you have helped bring sunshine, happiness and security to those who cannot help themselves.

present time to purchase such a valuable item, but means of raising funds will be given serious consideration by the committee.

BEST WISHES TO ALL

The executive committee takes this opportunity of wishing all members and supporters of the club a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

CRICKET

A GRADE TURF

ALTONA v. NEWPORT FOOTBALLERS.

Newport Footballers continued their first innings on Saturday with Henwood and Spillsbury to face the bowling.

This pair added 12 runs before Cumming had Henwood caught by Joyce.

McMillan, the next batsmen, gave a lesson to his team mates on how the ball could be hit, with the result that he top scored with 26 runs.

The innings closed at 74.

Forced to follow on, Duncan dismissed Henwood with his second ball. Altona, sensing an outright victory, relaxed a little in the field and some costly chances went begging.

McMillan and Spillsbury came together and added 30 for the third wicket, the former being caught off Dellar for 25.

Parnaby joined Spillsbury and this pair took the job on themselves to avoid an outright decision. However, Cumming bowled Spillsbury after this pair had added 80 runs.

Parnaby struggled to hold the tailenders together, but again fell victim to Cumming.

Batsmen Booth and Durbridge adopted negative tactics against the Altona medium pace bowling and with the advent of this Altona were running out of time in which to gain an outright.

A bowling change in the person of Harrison saw the last three batsmen dismissed very quickly. The innings closed at 140, leaving Altona 13 runs to make in one over.

Dellar and Cumming opened for Altona and on the first ball Dellar attempted a big hit and was caught.

The second ball Cumming drove for three. Duncan, with the strike, hit the third ball for two. However, he attempted the same off the fourth ball and was dismissed attempting a suicidal second run.

The fifth ball was missed and a quick bye was added to the score.

Rod Gray took a single off the seventh ball and with one ball to complete the over Altona needed four runs for an outright victory.

This hit was promptly fielded and returned to the 'keeper and Cumming was run out attempting a second run.

NEWPORT FOOTBALLERS.

1st Innings: 74.

HENWOOD, c, b Duncan	0
McMILLAN, c, b Dellar	25
PAGE, b Michael	6
SPILLSBURY, b Cumming	39
PARNABY, b Cumming	37
SODERSTROM, c, b Duncan	17
DURBRIDGE, c, b Harrison	2
BOOTH, stpd., b Harrison	7
PAGE, c, b Harrison	0
EVERITT, not out	0
CASSELL, run out	0
Sundries	7
TOTAL	140

BOWLING: R. Harrison 3/27, J. Duncan 2/12, L. Cumming 2/28, N. Michael 1/23, J. Dellar 1/37.

ALTONA.—1st Innings: 202.

ALTONA.—2nd Innings:

CUMMING, run out	0
DUMMAR, c, b Page	6
DUNCAN, run out	3
R. GRAY, not out	1
Sundries	1
TOTAL Three wickets for 11	

BOWLING: K. Page 1/10.

NEXT MATCH

The first match after Christmas is against West Newport at Loft Reserve, West Newport, on January 14. Practice will commence on January 10.

Any player who will be away over this period but is available to play on the 14th and 21st of January is asked to notify any selector, or phone 398-1829.

B GRADE TURF

KOROROIT STARS v. ALTONA.

ALTONA.—1st Innings: 34.

KOROROIT STARS.—1st Innings: 7 (dec.) for 189.

ALTONA.—2nd Innings:

LEWIS, c, b Hatt	1
MILNER, b West	0
GRASSBY, b West	0
CRITCHLEY, b Hatt	7
KIRK, b West	10
GOUCHER, lbw, b West	3
BIBBY, b McDonald	1
MARTIN, not out	1
NORMAN, b West	0
CAMPBELL, absent	0
COOK, run out	1
Sundries	1
TOTAL	25

BOWLING: K. West 5/13, S. Hatt 2/7, McDonald 1/3.

C GRADE TURF

NEWPORT FOOTBALLERS v. ALTONA.

Altona carried on from last week to keep the pressure right on the Footballers.

Some good bowling was seen from the young players, especially Michael Cahill, and it is also pleasing to note the improvement in the fielding, this was the reason for the three run outs when the batsmen hesitated.

Altona dismissed the weakened Newport Footballers for 39 runs and so obtained seven badly needed points. This will now keep the chance of holding a place in the four alive, but in the new year we will have to beat the sides that beat us in the first round to stay in the final four.

ALTONA.—1st Innings: 177.

NEWPORT FOOTBALLERS.—1st Innings: 37.

NEWPORT FOOTBALLERS.—2nd Innings:

COSTELLO, b Conradi	1
RICH, run out	8
HADDEN, run out	4
DOOLEY, c, b Duckett	8
NORMAN, run out	4
MORTON, c, b Cahill	1
DURBRIDGE, not out	2
WELSH, b Flett	7
KLARKINS, absent	0
PIKE, absent	0
BARKER, absent	0
Sundries	4
TOTAL	39

BOWLING: R. Conradi 1/11, M. Cahill 1/16, K. Flett 1/4.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I am not a resident of Altona. I am here for two weeks with relations.

I attended your Stars, Saints and Sinners Dance last Sunday week and was pleasantly surprised. Your local group, The Kult, were very good and given opportunity should go places.

They played for the major part of the afternoon and were enjoyed I think by the people present. What surprised me was that when I read last week's "Altona Star" that same group did not get a mention or a word of thanks, and this I thought was very unfair to them.

Yours faithfully,

W. GRAY.

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Dear Sir,

It was most interesting to read in the Daily Press ("Sun," Dec. 14) that the publishers of the "Age" had issued shares to the publishers of the "Sydney Morning Herald."

As the "Age" controls the "Footscray Mail," which is now the official organ of the Shire of Altona, presumably some of the profit made from our shire council advertising and printing will now find its way out of the State at the expense of our local "Star."

The loss of this business has apparently not sent the "Star" "broke" but it would be a most embarrassing situation to somebody if such a most unlikely happening did occur.

Yours,

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Church Notices

BAPTIST

Sargood Street, Altona.

Cordially welcomes you to all meetings.

Services: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Communion: First Sunday morning and Third Sunday evening.

11.30 a.m.: Junior Christian Endeavour.

2.30 p.m.: Intermediate Christian Endeavour.

7 p.m.: Evening Service.

Minister—Pastor R. J. Reynolds, 62 Blyth Street, Altona. Telephone: 65-8829.

CATHOLIC

St. Mary's

Railway Street, Altona.

Masses.

Sundays: 7.30, 9 and 10.30 a.m.

Holy Days: 7, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

First Fridays: 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Week Days: 7 a.m.

Saturdays: 8 a.m.

Confessions.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.

Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.

First Friday (Maltese): 4 and 5.30 p.m.

Rev. Father J. Nooney, P.P., Rev. Father M. Kelleher, Father V. Rubeo, St. Mary's Presbytery, Railway Street, Altona. Telephone 65-8964.

St. Joseph's Convent, Sargood Street, Altona. Telephone 65-8686.

Queen of Peace

Laverton.

Masses.

Sundays: 7.30, 9.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.

First Fridays: 6.15 p.m.

Week Days: Thursdays, 11 a.m. Saturdays, 8 a.m.

Confessions.

Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.

Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

St. Leo's

Corner Mason Street and Fourth Avenue, Altona North.

Masses.

Sundays: 7.30, 9, 10 and 11 a.m.

Confessions.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Rev. Father J. Kierce, St. Leo's Presbytery, 315 Mason Street, Altona North. 391-3219.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

St. Eanswythe's

Queen Street, Altona.

VICAR—The Rev. John Lawley, The Vicarage, 7 Bent Street, Altona. Telephone: 398-1005.

Sunday Services.

8 a.m.: Holy Communion.

9.30 a.m.: Holy Communion (first, third and fifth Sundays).

Matins (second and fourth Sundays).

7 p.m.: Evensong.

Sunday School.

Sundays at 9.30 a.m.

St. Clement's

Goble Street, Laverton.

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m., Parish Eucharist.

First Sunday in the month: Family Service.

VICAR—Rev. Eric Weber, St. Thomas' Church, Werribee.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

St. Luke's

Cnr. Blackshaws and Millers Roads, Altona North.

9.30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist.

VICAR—The Rev. D. Townsend, 300 Blackshaws Road, Altona North. Telephone 391-3096.

MARTIN LUTHER CONGREGATION

MELBOURNE

25 The Broadway, Altona.

Welcomes you to Services every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 10 a.m.

MINISTER—Pastor H. Blasius Telephone 391-2609.

METHODIST

Seves Street, Altona.

Sunday.

Sunday School: 9.45 a.m.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m.: Divine Worship.

Cnr. Marion Street and Sixth Avenue, Altona North.

Sunday.

11 a.m.: Divine Worship.

MINISTER—Rev. John C. Adamthwaite, 109 Queen Street, Altona. Telephone: 398-1765.

Goble Street, Laverton.

(Held in Church of England Hall, Goble Street, Laverton.)

3 p.m.: Divine Worship.

MINISTER—Rev. A. D. McGregor, 61 Synott Street, Werribee. Telephone: Werribee 116.

PRESBYTERIAN

241 Civic Parade, Altona.

Sunday Services.

9.30 a.m.: Worship.

10 a.m.: Sunday School (members of the Sunday School join in Worship from 9.30 till 10 a.m.).

7 p.m.: Worship and Christian Education.

MINISTER—Rev. John Haysey, The Manse, 9 Lindwood Avenue, Altona. Telephone 398-1591.

9 Paringa Road, Altona North.

Sunday.

11 a.m.: Worship Service.

League of Young Workers share in the Worship from 11 to 11.30 a.m.

MINISTER—Mr. W. A'Drain, The Manse, 11 Paringa Road, Altona North. Telephone 314-5179.

SALVATION ARMY

Queen Street, Altona.

Civic Parade, Altona.

Sunday.

8.30 a.m.: Prayer Meeting.

9.30 a.m.: Sunday School—Combined Sunday School at the Queen Street Hall (Primary and Junior).

11 a.m.: Holiness Meeting. Queen Street Hall.

7 p.m.: Salvation Meeting. Queen Street Hall.

Tuesday.

2 p.m.: Bible Study Class.

Wednesday.

3.30 p.m.: Children's Club (Civic Parade Hall).

Thursday.

2 p.m.: Women's Home League. Captain Ada E. Warhurst, telephone 398-1750.



The Social Whirl

If you have any news of a birthday, engagement, wedding, or social event, it can be included in these pages. Phone 65-8277—there is no charge.

ALTONA WORKING MEN'S CLUB NEWS

CHRISTMAS EVE DANCE

Preparations are well advanced for the first Christmas Eve Dance at the Altona Working Men's Club.

While many members and their friends have commenced their annual vacation, reports from our ticket sellers indicate a reasonably good response and the hall will not be so crowded as on the occasion of the last dance.

A feature of the Christmas Eve Dance will be the Carols by Candlelight session from 10 p.m. till 10.30 p.m.

Tickets at 50c each are still available from members of the Dance Committee, and also at the club office.

TEMPORARY MEMBERS

Many former residents of Altona who have moved interstate or to other townships in Victoria could be returning to Altona for the Christmas-New Year holiday period, visiting and staying with their friends who are members of the club.

Provision has been made in the Constitution to cater for such visitors should they desire to visit the club on a number of occasions during their stay in Altona.

They are elected Temporary Members for the period of their stay in Altona and issued with a Temporary Member's Card.

It would assist the club if any members having friends visit them over the Christmas holiday period and desiring to bring them to the club could inform the secretary in advance.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

The New Year's Eve Dance could turn out to be the brightest social event of 1966. There has been a big demand for tickets, so get yours without any further delay.

The Management Committee has declared Saturday, December 31, as a special occasion. This means that members can bring their male and female friends respectively as their guests, who become Honorary Members for this occasion.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER PRESENTATION

The recent special effort by the Associates for their annual Christmas Hamper has now been concluded and the winner notified. It has been customary for them to deliver the hamper to the winners on the Friday before Christmas.

However, the hampers will now be presented to the winner at the club on Thursday, December 22, at 8.30 p.m.

FINANCE SCHEME COLLECTORS

As the first Monday in January is a public holiday, the Finance Committee will now meet on Wednesday, January 4, and also Monday, January 16.

All collectors are requested to come along on any of these nights to pay in collections.

ASSOCIATES FIRST MEETING FOR 1967

The first monthly meeting of the Associate Section for 1967 will be held on Monday, January 23 at 7.45 p.m.

This will be a picture slide evening — when members can bring their holiday films, etc., for projection. It is hoped to also project some film on the building stages of the club.

ALTONA MUSIC SOCIETY OFFICERS INSTALLED

The newly elected committee of the Altona Music Society was installed by the Altona Shire President, Cr. S. G. McIntosh, at a general meeting which preceded the society's break-up social evening last Saturday night.

Committee members have been elected for a two-year period.

During the evenings members sung carols, songs were sung by Annette Foster and Kay Fowler and the choir performed three items.

An accordion solo by Mr. F. Mannering was followed by an item by Mr. Mannering and his pupils.

A buffet supper and refreshments were provided and Cr. McIntosh congratulated the members on the standard they have achieved in the society's short term of existence.

Season's greetings to all members was extended by the committee.

The society is now in recess until February when the pop singing group will restart on the seventh at 6 p.m., and the choir on the fifth at 6 p.m.

St. Luke's C.E.B.S.

In St. Luke's, Altona North, Church of England Boys' Society the awards for 1966 were:

Leaders Admission Certificate, Brian Davidson; Churchman's Cross, John Simcock; Best Boy, Michael Rowe; Runner-up, Brian Baker.

St. Luke's Christmas Services

St. Luke's Church of England, Blackshaws Road, Altona North, will be holding a Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and on Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day) the 9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist will be held.

Successful Party

A successful party was given at their home last Saturday night by Mr. and Mrs. Wooler, of Cobham Street, for their daughter, Denise, and 20 of her young friends.

During the evening Rocky McLean took the title of Go-Go of Altona away from Danny Johnston.

Altona Soccer Club Extends Greetings

Altona Soccer Club takes this opportunity of extending to their supporters, the Altona Shire Council and to their many friends who helped the club in any way last season a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Historical Society Opens Room

The Altona Historical Society's room at 123 Queen Street, Altona, containing the society's collection of items connected with Altona's past, will be open for inspection between 2.30 and 4.30 p.m. each Sunday in January from January 8 to January 29, 1967. Visitors will be welcome.

LOCAL GIRL IN FINAL OF QUEST

One of the 14 finalists from the 250 entrants in the Chrysler Australia Limited "Miss Imp" competition is Miss Karen Maker, of Davies Street, Altona.

Karen entered the competition as Miss Butlers Garage.

Final judging at Menzies Hotel last Saturday night was televised and the winner will be announced on Thursday of this week, December 22.

The prize is an "Imp" car.

Coming of Age

The 21st birthday of Karen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Maker, 43 Davies Street, Altona, was celebrated on Friday evening with a family dinner.

Karen received the traditional key from her father.

On Sunday a barbecue given in Karen's honour by Mr. and Mrs. Timbony and Graeme, of Dandenong Road, East Malvern, was enjoyed by relatives and friends of Karen and Graeme.

LIBERAL REFORM GROUP MEETS

The Liberal Reform Group of Victoria held a meeting recently to discuss the future of the Group and to elect officers.

It was unanimously agreed that the Group should continue to function inasmuch as there is an even greater need of Liberal Reform influence now than before the election. The election results were encouraging with more than 53,000 voters supporting Liberal Reform candidates in spite of the very short time available for campaigning.

Mr. T. Dobson, B.C.E., 26A Lansdowne Road, East St. Kilda, was elected president at this meeting. Mr. H. Wessley, of Mt. Waverley, is vice-president.

A more detailed statement of Liberal Reform policy is in the course of preparation and will be published in due course.

Tennis Notes

The annual Junior Interstate Tennis Contest between the Albury and Border Lawn Tennis Association of Albury, United Lawn Tennis Association of Adelaide and the Western Suburbs Tennis Association will be held at the Albert Ground Lawn Tennis Courts on January 7 and 8, 1967, and the following players have been selected to represent the Western Suburbs team:—

Tony Campanelli (Footscray Tennis Club), captain, Michael Kelly (Altona), Doug Dickson (Liston-Esplanade), Peter Jarvis (Sunshine V.R.I.), Geoff Guy (Diggers), Pat Whelan (Yarraville), Judy Law (Liston-Esplanade), Lynn Butterfield (Newport), Margaret Cheel (Rosa-mond), Robyn Miles (Diggers), Janet Black (Kingsville), Val Brown (Central).

The contest will be officially opened by Mr. Harry Hopman, president of the Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 7.

Tennis enthusiasts are invited as spectators and/or umpires during the weekend.

St. Eanswythe's Midnight Service

The annual Midnight Communion Service will commence at St. Eanswythe's at 11.30 on Christmas Eve, with the Blessing of the Crib, and will then continue with Procession and the Eucharist.

Services on Christmas Day are Holy Communion at 8 and 9.30 a.m. and Evensong at 7 p.m.

Thanks From The Elderly Citizens

The Altona Elderly Citizens Welfare Committee wishes to thank all contributors to the Bus Fund for their generosity during the past nine months since the committee took delivery of the Comer bus on March 30, 1966.

The elderly people have paid \$1000 to the shire council and have in hand \$261.02 towards the next installment.

They also desire to thank the Altona Shire Council for their help and the various industries within the shire. The bus cost \$2517.74 with no sales tax and no interest. In the future they will pay to the council \$1517.74.

On New Year's Eve they will hold a gala night of dancing and cards. Admission will be a plate of supper or 30c.

There will be prizes and music and everyone is welcome.

TO SYDNEY FOR A WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson, of Civic Parade, travelled to Sydney with their family, Lorraine, Wendy, John and Wayne for the wedding of their eldest son, Noel.

The bride was Miss Sally Robertson, of Rose Bay. The wedding took place in the Woolahra Presbyterian Church on December 10 and the reception was held at the New South Wales Golf Club, La Perouse.

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More than 400 secondary school students throughout Victoria have received an attractive book prize from The Shell Company of Australia Ltd. The prizes replaced Shell's previous scholarships and were won by students who would not normally win a prize. Head masters were asked to nominate the "hardest trier" or the "most improved student."

Shown about is Paul Fishley, of Williamstown Technical School, receiving his copy of the book, "This is Your Century," from Mr. A. Ferguson, a member of the School Council. On the left is Mr. A. G. Parker, President of the School Council and on the right Mr. T. R. Coulstock, the head master.

Altona Youth Club's Advisory Council Report

A Sunday afternoon dance idea . . . praise for those who have worked hard . . . and the problems of youth work in Altona are contained in the annual report of Mr. J. M. Kidd, chairman of the Altona Youth Club's Advisory Council.

Mr. Kidd said: "It is my privilege to present to you this brief report of the Youth Club's Advisory Council.

"As you are aware, the committee has met monthly throughout the whole year. We are most grateful to the Altona Shire Council for the administrative work so freely given during this time.

"As a committee, we feel that we have achieved some small co-ordination of youth work throughout the shire. We trust that community interest will increase and we will thus be able to tap further resources within Altona.

ACHIEVEMENTS

"An average of six organisations have attended each meeting. Unfortunately, these were largely the same at each meeting. It is therefore proposed to hold the first meeting in 1967 in March so that all organisations may be well notified in February. It is also proposed to change the meeting night to the first Thursday.

"Some success has been achieved in the field of co-ordinating the activities of various bodies in Altona. Through the Youth Club, information was gained from specialists in the youth work field. The Altona Film Society helped in presenting two films on "Understanding Young People." Members of the Altona Apex Club helped in editing the brochure referred to later. The Music Society has indicated as mentioned later, it is very willing to help in providing youth activities.

"Two meeting nights were set apart for helping the community understand the problems of young people. The first, a talk/discussion with Mrs. Benn, now of Social Studies Department of Melbourne University, was extremely thought-provoking. The second was two films by courtesy of the State Film Centre. Both nights were poorly attended, despite publicity and circulars.

BETTER OFF

"Contact was made with other Youth Councils, etc., through a weekend conference at King Lake, arranged by the Victorian Association of Youth Clubs. The theme was the future pattern of youth services. The knowledge that all communities throughout the State have similar problems to our own was at least comforting.

"It seems in many ways that Altona is better off than many. "All were very interested in the Altona committee and felt that there is considerable merit in the idea. A similar committee has since been set up in Mt. Waverley. Here I believe the emphasis is on advisory work as they have a rather well qualified group to act in this capacity.

"The brochure advertising the activities going on in Altona has been published and distributed to the secondary schools in the area. All staff concerned were impressed with the booklet. No doubt, improvements are possible but as you will notice, it is attractively presented and is cheaper than originally considered.

"In co-operation with the Apex Club, a preliminary survey has been sent to some 70 organisations within the shire. Not all are concerned with youth work, but it is hoped that some further idea of the needs of the groups within our shire will be gathered.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Music Society has indicated that it may be possible to arrange a Sunday afternoon dance beginning about April/May, 1967. Music could be provided by the society's own groups. Mr. Peter Pearce has

indicated that the society, with some assistance, could cope with problems of supervision and admission. The committee feels that this would be a popular and desirable activity. We, therefore, request consideration by the shire council regarding the use of the civic hall for this purpose. I have met the committee which arranged the dance through the "Stars, Saints and Sinners Club" in the local paper, the "Altona Star."

"As this dance was held on Sunday, December 11, we may be able to gauge the need.

MISS WELGUS PRAISED

"As you will notice, the foreword in the Activities booklet was written by a Miss Sharon Welgus of Altona North High School. We would be grateful if the council could award some recognition to her.

This, then, is the outline of the Youth Committee's deliberations. In many ways a disappointing beginning, but as these people are also busy people in their own groups, perhaps the proverb 'Great oaks will hold true' . . .

NEW BUS SHELTER TO BE BUILT

A bus shelter is to be built at the corner of Millers and Blackshaws Roads—on the north-east corner.

The suggestion was put forward by the Junior Council—a group of Altona students who sit as a "local government" as part of their studies.

The shire engineer, Mr. R. C. Simmons, says that the cost of providing the shelter was incorporated in the shire's estimates, and he recommended that the shelter be built as soon as the money became available.

Shire To Prosecute

The Altona Shire Council is prosecuting two people over the dumping of garbage on the roadside.

The prosecutions follow complaints to the senior health inspector, Mr. J. Mellors. Mr. Mellors said: "A complaint has been received from a resident of Maidstone Street, Altona, that rubbish is being consistently dumped on the nature strip adjacent to vacant land nearby.

"This rubbish has been dumped notwithstanding that the council recently cleaned up the nature strips in this area.

"The dumping of rubbish or garbage of any shape or form on roads, streets or council properties or reserves is prohibited by the By-Law and/or the Litter Act.

"The location will be kept under surveillance and if any person is apprehended dumping rubbish or if there is evidence in such rubbish, then the appropriate prosecution will be launched.

"Meantime, it is hard to police the matter as cartons of rubbish are unobservedly being dumped" Mr. Mellors said.

Living Standards Conference

The Trades Hall Council will hold a Living Standards Conference on April 8 next year.

The conference will discuss Education, Housing and Local Government, Social Services and Economic Policy.

These subjects will be discussed from every aspect as they affect the individual and family living standards of all citizens in Victoria.

Council To Help Elderly Citizens

The Altona Shire Council has agreed to paint the kitchen at the Elderly Citizens' Welfare Centre.

But it has decided to hear a report from its planning committee on a proposal to have council build a garage for the centre's Commer bus.

The elderly citizen's committee told the council that the walls and ceiling have been washed on many occasions, but as they were still very dirty, painting would be required.

The committee suggested that a garage for the bus could be built between the kitchen and the office, and that it could be secured by a roller door or a door of another type. It said there was ample room for the garage to be built where it suggested.

STARS SAINTS and SINNERS

By RON COLEMAN.

Our STARS FOR 1966 are Altona's No. 1 pop group, The Kult; these boys have been very successful this year with appearances at city discotheques and 3UZ's "Battle of the Sounds."

Wayne Ford's drumming has been widely acclaimed and if his group continues to improve they should go places next year.

For all you girls and fans of The Kult here's some data we didn't have room for the last time the boys were featured—

PETE BLEAZBY (singer)

A plant accountant, Peter LIKES: Women, sport, singing, and his two favourite TV shows "Kommotion" and "The Untouchables." DISLIKES: Wet weather, self-opinionated people (whatever that means).

JOHN HARRIS (rythmn guitar)

An assistant production supervisor, John LIKES: Birds (girls) fast cars and jelly babies. DISLIKES: Work, the Viet Cong, girls who arrive late when picking him up for a date.

JIM McEWEN

Jim was a late-comer to the group and unfortunately he is leaving for New Zealand next year, but we'll get his likes and dislikes before he does.

A migrant from "Bonny Scotland," Jim first settled in Altona North but moved to Altona and studied at Altona High where he met up with drummer Wayne Ford.

Singing the part of Ko-Ko in "The Mikado" performed by the High School earlier this year, Jim stole the show of which a record was cut.

SAINT

Our Saint for 1966 is Nev, who, besides giving us plenty of free records for prizes, has successfully established a slot car track for our enjoyment. Believe me he works tremendous hours in order to run his record bar and slot car track and I'm sure we all appreciate his contribution to teenagers and young folk in Altona.

SINNER

No doubt the Sinner for 1966 will be Santa Claus if we don't get the presents we ordered or if the living room floor is covered in soot this Sunday morning.

DISCOTHEQUE CHECK

Well, it looks as though two very popular disco's in the city may be closed down: they are The Catcher and Thumping Tum.

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Did You See? . . .

The Martin Ryder Trio on Kevin Dennis' "New Faces" last Saturday morning? They were our feature group at the S.S.S. Dance last Sunday week. Under the management of producer's assistant, Judy Green, they are also auditioning for "Showcase 67" and they have a contract with a leading city hotel.

The slot car track inside the bowling alley at the Southern Cross Hotel? Instead of the normal hand controls, there are steering wheels. The slot car drivers just take a seat and grab the wheel and they're in Seventh Heaven.

The sign on the road near Laverton Airport that says GIVE WAY TO AEROPLANES? Who wouldn't!

RETURN OF SEVEN

Those of you who saw the great western film "Magnificent Seven" starring Yul Brynner and a host of other stars will be rapt to know that a sequel has been made.

Called "Return of the Seven" it only features one of the originals and who else but "Baldy" Brynner.

It makes me wonder if the sequel will live up to the standards of its forerunner which starred Steve McQueen (famous for his roles in "Wanted, Dead or Alive" and "Great Escape"), James Coburn, Charles Bronson (who has made countless guest appearances on TV series), Horst Bucholz, Brad Dexter and Robert Vaughan ("The Man From U.N.C.L.E." and one of the stars in "The Lieutenant").

The new line-up which includes Yul Brynner, is Jordon Christopher, Warren Oates (who starred in "Stoney Burke" series with Jack Lord), Julian Mateos, Vergil Texeira, Robert Fuller (of "Laramie" and "Wagon Train") and Claude Atkins.

BIKES BACK

"Go-Set" magazine reports a revival in motor bikes and already there are a number of enthusiasts in Altona who may form a club.

For unfortunately, although there are well over a hundred bike clubs in Melbourne none of them operate this side of town—so go to it lads, but please, not the "Angels" again.

The Victorian Motor Cycling Grand Prix will take place at Winton, Benalla, on Monday, January 2, 1967, and an estimated six hundred motor cyclists from Melbourne will be making the trip.

DISC DIARY

"River Deep, Mountain High" by The Turners is a beauty and is selling like hot cakes at the moment. It possesses that Shirley Bassey/Brenda Lee quality and its a credit to the singers.

Another good Christmas seller will be "Good Vibrations," one of the best compositions yet by The Beach Boys, but it will no doubt find competition with Elvis Presley's Christmas record in the States.

TOP TEN

- 1.—Oh La La —Normie Rowe.
- 2.—No Milk Today —Herman and his Hermits.
- 3.—Spicks and Specks —The Bee Gees.
- 4.—Good Vibrations The Beach Boys.
- 5.—Winchester Cathedral —New Vaudeville Band.
- 6.—Friday on my Mind —Easybeats.
- 7.—River Deep, Mountain High —Ike and Teena Turner.
- 8.—Sorry —Easybeats.
- 9.—Psychotic Reaction —Count Five.
- 10.—The Bosses Daughter —Jean Pitney.

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COMPETITION RESULT

Last week's answer was an easy one as we had mailbags of correct entries. Unfortunately we only have one record to give away and it will go to the sender of the very first correct entry received, who was Thomas Mochon, membership No. 272. The correct answer was "White Christmas," sung by Bing Crosby.

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Council To Continue \$3 Lease

The Altona Shire Council has agreed to continue its \$3-a-year lease on 11½ acres of land of the Wimpey Southlands Estate and it will most probably become a parkland in the future.

The land is at present being used as a garbage tip.

One day it may become an extension of Grant Reserve.

On January 28, 1965, the council made a lease for a two-year period to have the use of approximately 11½ acres of land of the Wimpey Southlands Estate adjacent to Grant Reserve.

The council was to fill such land with approved filling in an approved manner, and such is being progressively done, but has not yet been completed. It is the site of the contractor's garbage tip.

When the Wimpey Estate carries out further subdivision in the area, this land will be transferred to the council being the 10% portion of such land.

It is anticipated, that in the next two years, the Wimpey development will take place and the land will be transferred to the council.

MORE COMPLAINTS ON CARAVAN BUSINESS

Further complaints have been made to the Altona Shire Council over a caravan business in the western end of McIntosh Road, Altona North.

The complaints have been sent by the council to its planning committee, partly to give the company—Circle Caravans, 93 McIntosh Road—time to overcome the problem.

The complaint was signed by 10 nearby residents. It followed a letter received at the previous council meeting which complained that the business was causing traffic congestion (because cars and caravans were double parked on the roadway), was a danger to children, and should be ordered out of what was a residential zone.

After that complaint, the council's traffic officer issued parking tickets, and the shire engineer took steps to repair damaged kerbing.

The latest complaint, presented to last Monday week's council, read—

As ratepayers and residents of McIntosh Road (western end),

Altona North, we wish to bring to council attention that a business is being conducted in this zoned residential area. We refer to Circle Caravans, 93 McIntosh Road, Altona North. We strongly protest to this form of enterprise being carried out in this area as—

- The value of our properties are lowered;
- The traffic hazard created by the number of caravans parked on both sides of the roadway and also on the nature strip;
- A serious fire risk is created to nearby houses, as a vacant allotment between 93 and 97 McIntosh Road is being used to park caravans that are not out on hire, these parked caravans have gas cylinders attached.

We, the undersigned residents believe that the conducting of a business of this type in the manner outlined above is not allowable under Altona Shire Council by-laws, and we trust that this matter will be promptly attended to as best seen fit by the council, the letter concluded.

The council decided to sent the letter to its planning committee for further investigation. It was told that the company had purchased land to overcome the problems, and it would greatly help if action was delayed slightly.

BLOOD BANK TO VISIT SHIRE

The Red Cross blood transfusion service will be at the civic centre on Tuesday, January 17. Appointments will be from 9.45 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

A donor requires to be in attendance for approximately one hour and if the first day proves successful then application will be made for regular visits in the future.

Cr. G. den Dulk has appealed to Altona people to give their blood.

He said the Red Cross blood service has saved the lives of countless people, and everyone should do everything they can to support "such a great and noble organisation."

He said that some people had a rare blood group and when they were involved in traffic accidents or had to undergo emergency surgery, the Red Cross was often hard-pressed to supply the particular type of blood.

"The people of Altona can show how good they can be by sharing the responsibility of giving such a needed help to others."

"AND OTHERS"

—AN EXPLANATION

Many ratepayers have been stumped in the last few days on receiving rate notice envelopes to see the notice addressed to one householder "and others."

The shire secretary, Mr. J. W. Waters, has explained that this form of address for dual or joint ownerships is legal but has been brought about by the programming of the computer which has printed Altona Shire (and indeed 20 other councils) Council's rate notices.

Where more than one person is rated in respect of a property the computer has printed the surname then the initials of one ratepayer and then "and others."

Perhaps "and other/s" might have been a better choice.

Apologies are tendered to folk who have been taken aback with this form of address.

Undoubtedly as computer programming is improved more precise forms of address will be developed for future years.

PRINTING APPRENTICES URGENTLY NEEDED

Employers in the Victorian commercial printing and packaging industry urgently require during the next eight weeks 220 young men for apprentice-ships.

Nineteen different trades in the industry are calling for applicants though the majority of apprentices are needed in the trades of letterpress machining and hand composition, Mr. K. W. Gillespie, general manager of the Printing and Allied Trades Employers' Association of Victoria said today.

This call for so many apprentices is related to the continued employment growth rate of the printing industry (3.4% in 1965-66) which outstripped the growth rate for Australian secondary industry (2.8%) in the same period, said Mr. Gillespie.

"This means that there are plenty of career opportunities in the real sense of the word for ambitious young men who can see in this, Australia's fourth largest secondary industry, a bright future for themselves. In recent years the Victorian printing and packaging employers have helped to pioneer a system of vocational aptitude testing for prospective apprentices which is an added assurance as to the suitability of a young man for trade training in the printing industry. The decision to give a young man an aptitude test is made in a preliminary interview and is entirely free and without obligation.

Governmental and other industry leaders have expressed interest in the testing system which has proven its worth in actual practice," said Mr. Gillespie.

For further information contact Mr. K. W. Gillespie on 63-3144.

PRIVATE STREET INQUIRY

Two committees of the Altona Shire Council are to conduct a big inquiry into private street construction.

The shire council gave the job to the finance and planning committees at its meeting last Monday night.

The council was taking action on three questions put to it by the shire engineer, Mr. R. C. Simmons.

He said that these questions should be resolved for "the purpose of overall planning."

The decisions that will be made by these two committees will greatly affect the construction of private streets in the community.

Mr. Simmons asked—

- Is the time for completion of private streets in Altona North and Altona, estimated to be July, 1968, satisfactory?
- Is the time for commencement of excavation with council plan on Truganina Estate and/or Laverton Estate, estimated to be May, 1968, satisfactory?
- When should works be commenced in Laverton Estate?

"In this connection it should be kept in mind that funds totalling to approximately \$100,000 should be available next April or May and a further \$300,000 in April or May, 1968, which could be used for private street works in Laverton Estate," Mr. Simmons said.

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\$100,000 Available from Private Schemes

Savings on the Altona Shire Council's current private street schemes may probably mean that about \$100,000 will be available for other private schemes, the shire engineer, Mr. R. C. Simmons, says.

The current private street schemes in Altona will cost an estimated \$797,555.

Mr. Simmons says this in his latest report to the shire council.

These are the schemes that have been approved but have not yet been finally settled—

(a) First, Second, Third and Fourth Avenues (south of Mason Street), Hendren Avenue and Hobbs Street (east of Fifth Avenue) and Ronald Avenue—Scheme No. 95;

(b) Dove Avenue, Robin, Lark, Kookaburra, Cobham, Finch Streets, Bell Avenue and sections of Purnell Street, Emu Avenue and Somers Parade (west of Seagull Avenue)—Scheme No. 96;

Streets included in schemes yet to be approved by council are:

(a) Irwin, Rosala, Misten and Glade Avenues—Scheme Nos. 91 and 100;

(b) Streets in area bounded by McIntosh, Ross Roads and Mills Street—Scheme No. 97;

(c) Bracken and Myrtle Groves (west of Maidstone Street), den Dulk and Wilga Avenues—Scheme No. 98;

(d) Abbeygate Street—Scheme No. 99.

Streets included in schemes that have been approved and finally settled are:

(a) Scheme No. 90—Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Avenues (south of Mason Street), Hendren Avenue, Hobbs and Douglas Streets (between Millers

Road and Fifth Avenue) and Berkeley Crescent (between Millers and McIntosh Roads).

(b) Scheme No. 92—Irvington, Scullin, Fresno, Burt Streets and Glenwood Avenue.

(c) Scheme No. 94—Galvin, Morrow Streets, Park Parade and Palm Avenue. Work was commenced on November 17, 1966.

The following funds are available:

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Estimated cost of the various schemes is:

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Cr. J. J. GINIFER, M.P.

With the approach of Christmas, one tends to look back and search through the intervening 12 months and reflect on what has been achieved and on what might have been accomplished.

On the wider issues of the western suburbs, a land mark has been registered with the announcement of arrangements for the Lower Yarra Crossing. In the municipal sphere there has been closer co-operation between the councils of the western suburbs through the rejuvenation of the Western Municipalities Association.

But the great challenge to the western suburbs—the implementation of a sound education system for the students of this vast industrial complex of Melbourne has not been met.

One of the first essentials for the long term implementation of a sound base for the education structure within the western municipalities is the establishment of a Primary Teachers' College. Let this be our goal for 1967—a Teachers' College for the west. Talk to your friends, your councillors, your parliamentarians about this matter.

As a teacher, before leaving the Education Department to become a Member of Parliament, I urge all adults to be most careful during the long school vacation—particularly on our roadways and highways—to ensure that none of our children are maimed.

May God bless your Christmas and the days ahead in 1967.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

—HON A. W. KNIGHT, M.L.C.

The Joys of Christmas are once again with us. Throughout the lands of this universe which celebrate this wonderful occasion at this time of the year children will be listening to the famous stories and carols which originated at the Birth of Jesus Christ.

Their hearts and minds will be registering what a glorious occasion this must have been, and so it was. We should all remember some of the words which were spoken on many occasions by Jesus Christ. They were—

"Love one another as I love you. Give till your heart is happy, and to the needy. Adore the wonders of the world of mankind."

The needy, aged and sick, we trust their relief will be quick and speedy.

Between friends there is no need for words. We know that they are thinking of us all the year. We understand your sorrows and problems.

Today when we understand so much, and have faith in so little, even miracles seem completely out of date. Soon we will be able to fly at twice the speed of a bullet, we can pick sounds and pictures out of the air. There are few mysteries left to solve, and yet the greatest miracle of all is there, and unsolved. When a man came from nowhere with a message, never wrote a word of it to be preserved, taught it only to groups of mostly illiterate people, never travelled further than 100 miles from his had to say within the space of native village, and said all he three brief years—yes, he completely changed the world.

This is why we celebrate Christmas and this is its true meaning. We should never forget it and should preserve and cherish same. Let us pause on this Day of Celebration and let us spare a thought for the person who made all that we are enjoying possible.

Finally, my wife, son and daughter, as well as myself, wish you a Merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

RON CLARKE AT NEWPORT

Ron Clarke will be at the Williamstown Amateur Athletic Club on Tuesday, January 12, to talk about athletics. All sportsmen and any others who may be interested are invited to attend.

The night will commence at 8 p.m. in the club rooms at Market Street, Newport.

Ron will talk about methods of training, some of his races and he will answer any questions the audience may ask. During the evening a film of Ron breaking the world record for three miles at White City will be shown.

So come along, as the evening should prove very interesting and enjoyable for all those who are interested in athletics.



Last Saturday the weather was very good to play bowls and all members of Altona Bowling Club remarked on the pleasant conditions.

The pennant results are as follows—

Altona No. 1 103, were defeated by Reservoir No. 1 114.—Whitmore, Mitchell, Whyte, Monkhouse: 26-24. Blair, Hill, Watters, Malloy: 18-28. R. Douglas, R. Don, Carton, Fisher: 34-23. Stephens, O. Nettleton, Russell, Mather: 25-39.

Altona No. 2 107, defeated Altona No. 3 73.—Gischus, Jameson, Neal, Watson: 28-21. McNeilage, Williams, Crowe, I. Douglas: 28-13. Carr, H. Harris, L. Cox, Flynn: 17-27. Webster, Probert, Phillips, McDonald: 34-12.

Altona No. 3 106, defeated Dootla Galla No. 4 77.—J. Cox, G. Harris, Gore, 1301. Crofts, Martin, Richardson, Inglis: 30-19. Roach, McMahon, Condon, McAlpine: 28-22. Grant, Address, Bromley, Walsh: 21-16.

Altona No. 4 79, lost to Port Melbourne No. 5 103.—Sutton, Marshall, Nielsen, Smith: 12-31. Thorneycroft, Brett, G. Sevier, Eyre: 23-30. Pugsley, B. Sevier, Snowden, Nichols: 21-24. Kelly, Miles, Siphthorpe, L. Nettleton: 23-18.

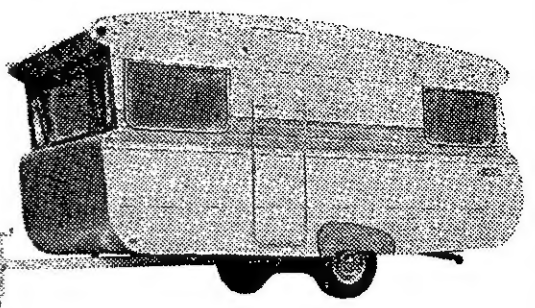
As was mentioned last week there will be no pennant matches until Saturday, February 4, as the Victorian and Australian Championships will be played.

Last Saturday the club had its Christmas social and dance and was considered a real success. The Christmas hamper was won by E. Landless, second was S. Carton, third E. Locke, and fourth B. H. Sherlock.

Mr. T. Burke, the club president, wished all club members and associates the compliments of the season and hoped that they would be free from accidents over the Christmas period and in good health to start the new year.

A number of members and associates met on Sunday afternoon and played Christmas novelty rinks. The winners were G. Snowden, S. Pilcher, T. Mitchell and D. Nettleton.

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ORIENTATION—PARENTS OF NEW PUPILS

On Wednesday evening, 74 parents of children who will commence school in 1967, met teachers, to obtain an outline of school policy and methods.

Mr. G. H. L. Treyvaud, head master, welcomed parents and introduced Miss A. Ridsdale, present infant mistress, Miss McDougall, who will have charge of the infant school in 1967, and two preparatory teachers, Misses Holmes and Kerr.

The head master outlined the general school policy and aims of the school, the system of levies, parent bodies, communication with the Education Department, direct giving scheme, and school aides.

Miss Ridsdale emphasised the importance of parent co-operation with teachers, especially in the early school years.

Miss Ridsdale outlined the reasons why the school went to great pains to find out all it could of the new pupils abilities, health and disabilities. It was very necessary to know the whole child in order that teachers may make the most of his potential.

Miss McDougall, who has had many years of experience in large infant schools, will build on the excellent foundations laid by Miss Ridsdale.

After an inspection of classrooms, parents were entertained at supper. Ladies from the Mothers' Club kindly assisted.

The school is grateful for the interest shown by some of the Altona industries. The following donations are acknowledged: Mrs. N. B. Davey, \$58; Altona Petrochemical Co. Pty. Ltd., \$40; Petroleum Refineries (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., \$50; Apex Club of Williamstown, \$3; Union Carbide (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., two rolls of plastic.

The following teachers are transferring:

Miss A. M. Ridsdale to Dandenong West; Mr. K. Jacklin, to Moomba Park; Mrs. B. Jacklin, to Eastmeadows; Miss M. Shiell, to North Shore; Mrs. N. Deutsch, to Brooklyn West; Mrs. A. Potts, to Williamstown North; Miss M. Jennings, to study art and travel overseas.

APEX TRAFFIC SCHOOL

The three sixth grades visited the Apex Traffic School on Mon-

COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS GO TO 15 LOCAL BOYS

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ALTONA NORTH HIGH: Iris Zilveris, Barry Bolger, Gordon Hill, Bogden Folcik, Chris Henderson, Gary Jackson, Sharon Welgus, Robin Williams, Meryl Zarth.

Presbyterian Church Services

The morning service at the Altona Presbyterian Church, Civic Parade, Altona, is to be held at 8.45 a.m.

Please note the altered time. Also note that this service is to be conducted by the Rev. Robert Potter, of Newport.

Worshippers are reminded to use their Christmas Bowl Appeal envelopes at this service.

The service for New Year's Day will be at the normal time of 9.30 a.m. and will be conducted by the Rev. John Haysey.

Teachers agreed that constable Tom Meechem, O.C. Traffic School, conducted an excellent demonstration.

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Donation To Spastic Aid Committee

The competition for the Christmas Hamper which was loaded with goods donated by the ladies of Koorringal Golf Club Associates Committee, has been won by Mrs. T. Miller. Second prize was won by Mrs. O. Howe.

The competition raised \$60 which has been forwarded to the Altona Spastic Aid Committee as a donation towards the Chis-Lon Spastic Centre. Mrs. Linda Oakes, of the Altona Committee, has said this is a wonderful Christmas surprise and will help to swell funds for this needy centre.

Whose Investment?

By VERDUN NEWNHAM.

In a recent issue of the "Star" I noticed that one of your advertisers was highly favoured by the interest of a Person not usually thought to be concerned with matters of real estate.

The mention of the Person's name caused me to speculate on the possibility and results of His interest in the affairs of other members of our community, for the advertisement read "God investment."

This statement led me into some intriguing thoughts.

Does it mean that God is investing in the real estate business of the advertiser? OR in the home which was the subject of the advertisement? OR in the people who would purchase the home?

So I pondered.

If God is prepared to invest in this particular business or home or these people then surely He would be willing to invest in all the other business and homes and people in our community and if He were allowed to invest then He would become a shareholder or partner in our affairs.

Was not this the very reason why God allowed the Christ Child to come in human form on the first Christmas Day?

If He were appointed a director or active partner how much more effective and influential our business and home would become and how much more honest and forgiving we would be towards each other.

The Spirit of Christ is very obvious at Christmas when differences are forgotten and we become more charitable in the warmth of our common humanity and His sacrificial Divinity.

We seem to feel that we have a share in the joy which accompanied the birth of Jesus and we want to give gifts to those we love and respect.

But surely our best tribute is in the giving of ourselves to Him and the giving of our substance to those less fortunate than we.

Only in this way can we prove life's paradox that "giving is gaining" or as one service club puts it, "He profits most who serves the best."

A wise man wrote:

Give out love freely every day
Fear not to make it cheap.
We have the love we give away
We lose the love we keep.

Those who love feel a compulsion to give and so God gave Jesus because He loved humanity.

Hard to understand you say?
Certainly! but not hard to accept.

Few of us understand the love of our wives, or husbands or children, yet we readily accept it.

When you and I can accept the fact that had we been the only person on the face of God's earth requiring His forgiveness when Jesus came God would still have sent Him, then we will begin to understand the immensity and acutely personal nature of the love of God.

As we open our gifts this Christmas we can also open our hearts to our Divine Partner, especially as we sing the ever popular carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," which expresses the reciprocal arrangement of—We give ourselves to Him—He gives Himself to and for us.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem!

Descend to us we pray;

Cast out our sin, and enter in,

Be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels,

The great glad tidings tell.

O come to us, Abide with us

Our Lord Immanuel.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I would like to tell Mr. Mildenhall that I accept his thanks though none are due, as his persistency in writing letters could not go unnoticed by anyone.

In fact, it was the persistent remarks passed by two or three of your readers that invoked me into making a reply to them.

You much have read your letter over carefully, Mr. Mildenhall, as this time I see you have had the courtesy to use the Mr. in referring to Mr. Caldwell.

Having had a vote for 40 years does not make anyone an authority on the subject.

I have seen football barrackers who have followed a team longer than that but see no further than the umpire.

If you write letters for public reading, Mr. Mildenhall, you must also have what it takes to have your views opposed, that is a privilege we still enjoy, thank goodness, to tell each other we don't agree.

Anger gets one nowhere, Mr. Mildenhall, and the fact that you take umbrage at what I have written, makes one believe I must have touched on a sore spot.

I think that a lot of the questions you are asking could be given an answer if you approach the local council through the correct procedure.

In asking through letters to the editor, I am sure is a good example of the diversionary tactics you are claiming to be an authority on, but I would have no use for that kind of ethics.

I say what I have to say straight out and a spade is a spade and I do not hide the fact that I am a Labor voter. Talking of warfare, lost causes and those old days of Medes and Persians, let us be a little more modern and compare with the last war.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

May I be granted space in your paper to reply to a gross exaggeration or maybe slander that appeared in your paper last week regarding school children being told to leave the bus.

The most comical thing about this council inquiry is that they themselves were to blame in the first place, as one of their employees left a rubbish cart parked near a corner obstructing the view of oncoming traffic and the result was a car and our bus collided and left us with a bus out of commission. The result was we had to put between 70 and 80 small children on one bus to go a distance of 1½ miles. Not a big load by any means.

However, on the way home the usual kids rows and squabbles evidently started and some of the children complained to the driver, who, I may add, was just recently employed by me and was not used to carrying children in any quantity, and being very foolish he told the complainants that if they didn't like it they could get off and walk, and they took up his challenge.

All of which I admit was a stupid thing for the driver to do and something for which he has been severely reprimanded for.

I was interstate at the time, but even if I had been home one cannot be everywhere at once when these unfortunate things happen. Nor could any particular councillor be blamed for a foolish employee leaving a rubbish cart obstructing the view of traffic. As for two councillors saying that we are used to taking children fares, then putting them off the bus when we are out of sight of the school, this in my opinion, is something that anybody claiming intelligence should not have uttered. We have carried between 30 and 40 bus loads of children daily for years now. Isn't it a wonder someone hasn't woken up to this so-called robbery before this?

Approximately two years ago we had many complaints from passengers on one particular Technical school bus about the behaviour and language of some of the children. We employed an inspector to ride as a passenger and report on conditions. He wrote to me and said the boys' behaviour was shocking and their language foul and vile and we would have to do something about it, and we did.

When trouble started the trouble makers were put off the bus and made walk home, and needless to say it wasn't long before the trouble stopped.

If a councillor's son was one of these, he was either unlucky to be put off with the trouble makers, or else he was one of them. Who knows now, we did not ask for names. But we do know that there are a lot of "home angels" and "street devils" about, but why should a few foul-mouthed youths be allowed to contaminate a whole bus load?

I only wish one councillor's wife would talk as she was one of our chief complainers of the behaviour of these boys. However, that was two years ago and forgotten by me, but evidently still a sore point with a couple of our councillors.

In conclusion may I add that we are in receipt of some very nice and complimentary letters from teachers who have shown appreciation of our handling of the children over the years.

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Labor was against conscription for the purpose of sending our youth away to fight.

They were sent, but it did not stop the Japanese from hitting at our mainland.

It was one of your so-called very seldom times that Labor was there to take over a mess and give us an example of good leadership. History has a strange habit of repeating itself, so do not be smug. I have not seen a rush by the over 21 who voted for the support of the Government's Vietnam policy, to enlist. If they think it is a just cause they should be like Mr. Holt and go all the way.

This screaming by some of what a lot of money comes from industry in Altona and why should they pay a rise in rates seems like the bloke who likes to enjoy the beer paid for by his mates, but tries to dodge his shout.

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Herbs usually give best results when planted in a good rich pliable soil, and to develop the most oil, require plenty of sunlight.

Do not have your ground too rich, as in very rich soil the percentage of oil will be small in proportion to the excessive leaf growth you will get. Good drainage is most essential, except for mint which prefers a damp spot.

Chives is a perennial, hardy, one of the onion family grown for its leaves. Has a mild flavour and particularly useful for seasoning.

Thyme, perennial type, as thyme is tender until thoroughly established, sow the seed out in boxes in August, or in the open ground when the warmer weather comes around. The leaves may then be picked when ready for use, or dried and stored.

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Sage, a shrubby perennial which requires a well drained spot, a bit on the dry side. Do not cut sage too heavily the first season, once only and after that three cuttings a year would be sufficient.

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Another popular herb is Marjoram, another hardy perennial herb which may be grown from seed or root division. It will grow in any well drained soil. Sow the seed either in the seed box or in the soil where the plants are to remain.

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Tottenham Baps. 48 and 108 (Scheurer 7/45), lost to Christ Church 5/109 dec. and 4/53.

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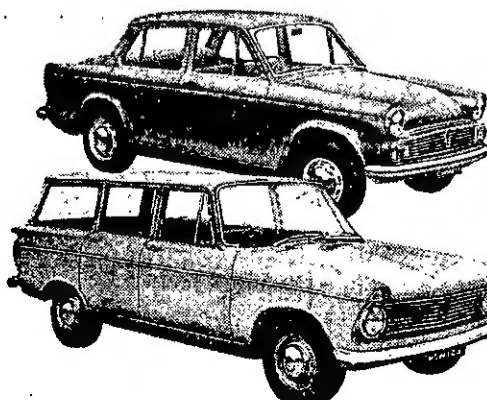
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WHAT'S BITING?

SNAPPER BAITS FOR PORT PHILLIP BAY

In the past three seasons we have had plenty of opportunities for trying out all kinds of bait on the snapper.

We noticed that for months on end, crayfish tail was by far the most productive. Then, gradually we became aware that our catches were beginning to fall off.

Other anglers seemed to be getting the best fish on bonito, so we changed to this bait, until it, too, was refused.

In these three years of experimenting with baits, we found at least half a dozen which were at various times really good snapper baits: cray tails, flat-head fillets, bonito, mussels, pilchards and whitebait. Throughout this period, whitebait was the most consistent taker of small snapper.

MAY NOT BE BEST BAIT

Just because the largest number of big snapper are at any given time being taken on, let us say flathead fillets, it doesn't necessarily mean that this is the best bait. It may only be that it is the easiest to procure and is being used by the largest number of anglers.

However, we have noticed one thing about flathead fillets; if you catch a flathead, kill it, cut a sizeable fillet from it and have it baited and back in the water within a few minutes, it will almost invariably catch a good snapper.

ALL-THE-SEASON BAIT

A few years ago when we were asked what was the best all-the-season snapper bait, we unhesitatingly replied, "Crayfish tail." The same question today would bring a slightly different answer because we don't think we can say that such a bait is always the best bait.

What takes the most snapper early in the season may be ignored later in the season. For example, last season when the bay was full of bay trout, you couldn't go wrong with a fillet of this fish. At least not until such time as the snapper had grown heartily sick of it, or the shoals had disappeared.

PREFERS "SANDWICH"

In the Beaumaris area the snapper seem to prefer a mixed bait—two or more different baits on the one hook—and yet there are areas in the bay where the

"sandwich bait" is only occasionally successful.

Sometimes the bait you use is dictated by its availability or by the fact that it can or cannot be used in the type of fishing you intend to do. For instance, mussels may be a good bait in a particular area, but if you have to make long casts to reach the spot you will have to discard it for some bait that will stop on the hook.

This problem doesn't worry the boat angler, as it does the rock fisherman, but there are places where weeds would soon strip soft baits off the hooks.

CHECK STOMACH

Whenever we catch a fish we clean it immediately and look at the stomach contents to see what it has been eating. This is the only way, other than by trial and error, of finding out for certain what any fish will take.

The best snapper baits for Port Phillip Bay are: flathead fillets, crayfish, mussels, bonito, pilchards, squid and whitebait. When these are unobtainable you can use: octopus tentacle, crabs, sandworms, pipis, prawns, beachworms, arpoos (boiled mutton flap and curry powder), freshwater yabbies, or any fillet of fresh fish.

TIDES

Following are times for high and low tides at Williamstown to December 31, 1966—

	HIGH	LOW
	a.m.	p.m.
December 20 Tues.	8.30	8.20
21 Wed.	9.04	9.14
22 Thurs.	9.40	10.15
23 Fri.	10.19	11.24
24 Sat.	11.02	—
	a.m.	a.m.
25 Sun.	12.38	11.47
	a.m.	p.m.
26 Mon.	1.15	12.34
27 Tues.	2.58	1.24
28 Wed.	3.55	2.14
29 Thurs.	4.43	3.05
30 Fri.	5.23	3.59
31 Sat.	5.59	4.53

BULLDOG SKIN DIVING CLUB

Fishing was excellent in the Cressi Competition held recently at Point Lonsdale. The juniors scored exceptionally well, with Geoff Pearl scoring 187½ points, Len Joyce 120 and Roy Herbert 88.

Top scorer in the senior team was Peter Webster with 147 points.

One junior member swam around to Queenscliffe and got a stack of fish, but was back too late to weigh in.

The rest of the club spent a social day around the Anglesea

area where there was good diving and fishing.

The club's break-up party, which turned out a big success, was held at Diamond Bay last Saturday night on the beach.

Eight members will take part in the Australian Skin Diving Championships at Shoal Bay, Port Stephens, New South Wales.

The club wish all members compliments of the season and safe diving in the new year.

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Dear Sir,

Would you please print this in your letters column.

This is an open letter to the ratepayers of Altona having had to pay a far higher rate this time, owing to the incompetence of the council in their handling of affairs of the shire. I suggest we form a committee to stop the council spending our money unwisely unless we, the ratepayers are in agreement. I suggest that the "Altona Star" be used for council news and notes, etc., not the "Footscray Mail," also the free library be made a paying concern by a small charge per book (pensioners excepted).

The three swimming pools promised by the council be forgotten until we are sure we can afford them. Councillors who follow like sheep be replaced by men like Cr. Crofts. These men are put on the council to guard our interests, not squander our money.

My name and address is for all to see. I am quite willing to join any committee thus dedicated to these ends. I came from England over three years ago and decided Altona was a good place to settle in because Altona can be the best shire in Victoria to live in—if we don't let the men we put in office run the shire unwisely, without thought for us, the ratepayers, and curb their promises to more reasonable means.

We do not want a paradise in a few short years, better to take our time, spend wisely, and do a good job.

I hope council members will take heed of this letter, otherwise, new faces will replace the old at the next elections. So wake up, ratepayers, especially those who are struggling like myself, who has been hit with two rates totalling \$110.80 (including pan fees) in the short period of 11 months I have lived here as a home-owner.

Yours sincerely,

R. SYMMONDS,

8 Bryan Ave., Altona North.

Children's Legion Club Tea

On Wednesday of last week the Children's Legion Club had their annual tea at the Altona West Salvation Army Hall in Civic Parade.

Mr. Leatch, of the William Booth Hostel showed the children pictures and he brought with him lollies and biscuits contributed by the men of the hostel for the children. It was their way of showing appreciation for the donation sent by the Altona Shire Council after the disastrous fire of some months ago.

Mr. Leatch also showed film of the life of Christ to the adults on Sunday night.

YOUTH DISPLAY SUCCESSFUL

Guests at a very successful massed display presented by the youth organisations of the Altona Baptist Church last Friday night included the Victorian President of the Boys' Brigade, Mr. Forbes, and his Vice-President, Mr. Sheppard, who were both overwhelmed by the tremendous growth and enthusiasm of Boys' Brigade in Altona.

Also present was the Shire President, Cr. S. G. McIntosh, who is an old Brigade boy himself, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Girls' Life Brigade.

The band's effort was terrific thanks to the donation of a drum by Mr. Miller, of Queen Street, and the conscientious instruction of Mr. Norm Botley. However, the highlight of the display was the gymnastic item and Mr. Forbes stated if ever a company complained to him of lack of gym equipment he would bring them to Altona and show them what boys could do on just two mats.

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